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**AMENDMENT AND REPLY UNDER 37 CFR 1.111**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

This communication is responsive to the Non-Final Office Action dated December 19, 2002, concerning the above-referenced patent application.

Applicant has enclosed with this amendment a Petition for Extension of Time to make this response timely.

The amendments presented below are in compliance with the revised amendment format permitted in the Notice from the Office of Patent Legal Administration of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office dated February 10, 2003, and published at 1267 OG 106 on February 25, 2003. Thus, the provisions of 37 CFR 1.121(a), (b), (c) and (d) are waived for amendments made in this application to the claims, specification, and drawings.

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 3 of this document.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 10 of this document.

**Amendments to the Drawings** begin on page 14 of this document, and include an attached replacement drawing sheet.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 15 of this document.

Please amend the application as follows:

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